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Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Examiner's Communication, mailed January 17, 2001, be extended for three months to and including July 17, 2001.

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